

dilator drug or a dilator reversal drug and for use in a composite contact lens structure including an electrode and the contact lens. --

**REMARKS**

In response to the notice mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2000 in the above-referenced application, enclosed are the following:

1. Declaration And Power Of Attorney;
2. \$529 government fee; and
3. Copy of Formalities Letter dated 09/28/2000.

Applicant claims small entity status.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Seth M. Nehrbass, Reg. No. 31,281  
Charles C. Garvey, Jr., Reg. No. 27,889  
Gregory C. Smith, Reg. No. 29,441  
Stephen R. Doody, Reg. No. 29,062  
H. Roy Berkenstock, Reg. No. 24,719  
Brett A. North, Reg. No. 42,040

GARVEY, SMITH, NEHRBASS & DOODY, L.L.C.

**PTO Customer No. 22920**

3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 3290

Metairie, LA 70002

Tel.: (504) 835-2000

Fax: 504-835-2070

e-mail: IPLNO@AOL.COM

www.neworleanspatents.com

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.



---

Seth M. Nehrbass, Reg. No. 31,281

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): DAVID NEWSOME

DATE: January 29, 2001

SERIAL NO.: 09/160,106

GROUP ART UNIT: 3762

FILED: 08/08/2000

EXAMINER:

FOR: "DILATION ENHANCER"

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: P0005US (53783.1P)

\*\*\*\*\*

**Copy of claims showing changes**

Set out below is a copy of the claims showing changes made in this amendment, with added matter underlined and omitted matter in brackets:

- 1. Apparatus for performing electrophoresis on a patient's eye comprising:
- a composite contact lens structure having:
- a conductive outer shell;
- a contact lens for contacting a patient's eye; and
- a drug for dilating a patient's eye or reversing dilation of a patient's eye.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the contact lens is soft.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the contact lens is made of polyfilcon.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a hand-held power source.
5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the power source is battery powered.
6. (amended) The apparatus of [any one of] claim[s] 1[-5], wherein the contact lens is pre-medicated with a dilator drug.
7. (amended) The apparatus of [any one of] claim[s] 1[-3], wherein current is delivered

to the contact lens via wireless technology.

8. (amended) A method of using electrophoresis to help deliver dilation drops or iris constriction drops to a patient more rapidly, comprising:

applying dilation drops or iris constriction drops to a patient's eye;

applying electrical current of not more than 1.5 mA to the patient's eye for not more than 120 seconds.--

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice.

-- 10. (amended) The method of claim[s] 8 [or 9], wherein the current is delivered to the eye via wireless technology.--

Please cancel claims 11-20 without prejudice.

-- 21. An apparatus for performing electrophoresis on a patient's eye comprising:

a) a composite contact lens structure that comprises a conductive outer shell having a concave surface and a convex surface;

b) a disposable lens member that removably fits the shell at the concavity; and

c) the convex portion of the shell carrying an electrode for transmitting electrical current to the shell and lens member.

22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the lens member is soft.

23. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the lens member is made of polyfilcon.

24. The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising a hand held power source.

25. The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the power source is battery powered.

26. Apparatus for performing electrophoresis on a patient's eye comprising:

a contact lens for contacting a patient's eye, the contact lens being pre-medicated with a

dilator drug or a dilator reversal drug and for use in a composite contact lens structure having a conductive outer shell and the contact lens.

27. An apparatus for performing electrophoresis on a patient's eye comprising:

a) a composite contact lens structure that comprises an outer shell having a concave surface and a convex surface;

b) a disposable lens member that removably fits the shell at the concavity; and

c) the convex portion of the shell carrying an electrode for transmitting electrical current to the shell and lens member;

a light-activated power source for providing electricity to the electrode.

28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the lens member is soft.

29. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the lens member is made of polyfilcon.

30. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the light-activated power source is on or in the shell.

31. (amended) The apparatus of [any one of] claim[s] 27[-30], wherein the lens member is pre-medicated with a dilator drug or dilator reversal drug.

32. Apparatus for performing electrophoresis on a patient's eye comprising:

a contact lens for contacting a patient's eye, the contact lens being pre-medicated with a dilator drug or a dilator reversal drug and for use in a composite contact lens structure including an electrode and the contact lens. --

Please cancel claim 33 without prejudice.